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have been happily free during the past year from
the complications and emparrasaments which have
surrounded some of the foreign Powers. The
diplomatic correspondence sountited herewith
contains information as to certain of the matters
which have occupied the Government. The curdiality which attends our relations with the
Powers of the carth has been pianily shown
by the general participation of foreign Nations
in the Exhibition which has just closed, and by
the exertions made by distant Powers to show
their interest in and friendly feelings toward the
United States in commemoration of the Centennial of the Nation. The Government and people
of the United States have not only fully appreclated this exhibition of kindly feeling, but it may
be justly and fairly expected that no small beneffits wall result both to oniselves and other Nalious from a better acquaintance and a better ap-

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:
In automating my eighto and last animal measure to Congress, it seems proper that I should restant of the United States and the territory celled by Russia to the United States by the treaty of Isal. The work intrasted to the Commission, and the original of the senate in the Commission, and the original of the first performed. The ariginal of the first performed. The original of the first performed, the original of the first performed the uniternational boundary times, and the maps and records, and the general reports relating to the office of Chief Executive without any previous political training. From the age of seventeem it had never even witnessed the excitement attending a Presidential company to the Commission, have been deposited in the Department of State.

The official report of the Commission on the mart of the United States, with the report of the Chief Astronomer of the United States, with the report of the Chief Astronomer of the United States, with the report of the Chief Astronomer of the United States, with the report of the Chief Astronomer of the United States, with the report of the Chief Astronomer of the United States, with the report of the Chief Astronomer of the United States, with the report of the Chief Astronomer of the United States, with the report of the Chief Astronomer of the United States, with the report of the Chief Astronomer of the United States, with the report of the Chief Astronomer of the United States, with the report of the Chief Astronomer of the United States, with the report of the Chief Astronomer of the United States, with the report of the Chief Astronomer of the United States, with the report of the Chief Astronomer of the United States, with t

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the content to my own candidary, and at but one of them was I eligible as a votor. Under seed circumstances, it is but remonable to suppose that errors of judgment must have occurred. Even had they not, differences of entries and debuters, must have arised. It is not necessarily evidence of binder on the part of the Executive because there are these differences of views. Mistakes have been made, as all can see, and I admit, but it seems to me oftener in the selections made of assistants appointed to nid in carrying out the various duties of administrate of a same and the continue of the continue of

The necessary legislation to carry into effect the condition respecting the commercial reciprocity concluded with the Hawaiian Islands in 1875 having been had, the proclamation to carry into effect the convention, as provided by the act approved August 15, 1875, was duly issued upon the — day of september last. A copy thereof accompanies this message.

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The monthly payments of a very small part of the amount due by the Government of Venezinelis to the citizens of the United States on account of the citizens of the United States on account of the claims of the latter against that Government, continue to be made with reasonable punctuality. That Government has proposed to change the system it has nitherto pursued in this respect by issuing bonds for part of the amount of several claims. The proposition, however, could not, it is supposed, properly be accepted, at least without the consent of the helders of the certificates of indebtedness of Veneziala. These are so much dispersed that it would be difficult, if not impossible to ascertain their disposition on the subject.

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vided for the admission of said State, when farmed into the Union apen an equal to thing with the original States. A Constitution having been adopted and ratified by the people of that State, and the acting Governor having cartified to me the facts, as provided for by said act, together with a copy of such Constitution and ordinances, as provided for in the said act, and the provisions of said act of Congress having been duly compiled with, I issued the proclamation of the 1st of August, 1878, a copy of which is hereto annexed.

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POSTAL MATTERS.

The report of the Postmaster General shows excess of expenditures, excluding expenditures on account of previous years, over the receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876, to be \$4, 151,988 66. The estimated expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876, are \$3,072,343 24; the estimated revenue for the same period is \$3,645,165 leaving an estimated excess of expenditures to be appropriated as a deficiency of \$6,078,267 48. The Postmaster General, like his predecessor, is convinced that a change in the basis of adjusting the salaries of postmasters of the fourth class is necessary for the good of the service as well as for the interests of the Government, and urgently recommends that the compensation of the class of postmasters above mentioned be based upon the business of their respective offices as ascertained from the sworn returns to the Auditor of stamps canceled. A few postmasters in the Southern States have expressed great apprehension of their personal safety on account of their connection with the postal service, and have specially requested that their reports of apprehended danger should not be made public, lest it should result in the loss of their lives. But no positive testimony of interference has been submitted, except in the case of a mail measenger at Spartanburg, in South Carolina, who reported that he had been violently driven away while in charge, on account of his political affiliations. An Assistant Superintendent of the railway mail service investigated this case and reported that the measuring that a more severe punishment should be provided for the offense of assaulting any person in charge of the mails, or of relarding or otherwise obstructing them by threats of personal migry.

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the mails, of of relarding or otherwise obstructing them by threats of personal injury.

A very gratifying result is presented in the fact that the deficiency of this Department during the last fiscal year was reduced to \$4.081,790 is, as arguest \$6,169,938 88 of the preceding year. The difference can be traced to the large increase in its ordinary receipts, which greatly exceeded the estimates therefor, and a slight decrease in its expenditures. The ordinary receipts of the Post-office Depirtment for the past seven fiscal years have increased at an average of over eight per cent. Per annum, while the increase of expenditures for the same period has been about 5.00 per cent, per annum, and the decrease of deficiency in the revenues has been at the rate of nearly two per cent, per annum.

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do refer to it to vindicate my previous action in regard to it.

With the present Congress my official life terminates. It is not probable that public officers will ever again receive attention from me, further than as a citizen of the Republic, always taking a deep interest in the honor and integrity and prosperity of the whole land.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, December 5, 1876.

THE number of immigrants arriving in Texas by way of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad for the last eight months is nut down, by the General Passenger Agent, at twenty thousand. For the same time the number of wagens and persons crossing Red River, at Colbert's Ferry, which is six miles from Denison, are given as follows: Number of wagens and persons down the same of people, 24,300, making a total of 43,300 persons entering Texas, by way of Denison, since April last.—[Galveston News.

Professor Huxley having, at a London lecture the other night, given some striking instances of the ill effect on public health of neglect of drainage, showed by the case of the town of Sallsbury, that consumption, which was more fatal than all the zymotic diseases combined, much the diminated of the consumption of the consumption of the combined of the consumption of the ished as much as fifty per cent. by thorough drain age of the subsoft. CONGRESSMAN TOWNSEND, of New York, pro

tests that he has been "for forty-nine years a very numble member of the Presbyterian Church," and never uttered such blasphemy as this remark, which has been attributed to him: "By the bless-ing of God, the Republican party have held power for sixteen years, and I dely even Him to oust them."

THE tickets used by nearly every railroad in the world, except those of the United States, are printed at Clapham, England. It was a station-master at that place who invented the system forty years ago, and the execution of this kind of work has remained in the hands of the family

A woman was isntalizing an ostrich at Barnum's, a few nights since, when the bird spitefully seized and awallowed her mandkerchief.—[Courier-Journal. There is doubtiess some joke intended in this, but, after what the ostrich did, it's hard to see where the point lace .- [St. Louis

Accomping to the original estimate the capital necessary to build and complete the St. Gothard Tunuol amounted to 187,000,000 francs. The whole amount was subscribed and the work proceeded with. It is now found that the completion of work will involve an expenditure of nearly 300,000,000 france. Mr. Caulyle said to Professor Huxley not long ago: "You Darwinians are spending your lives in trying to prove that men are descended from speedand theeds more than our civilization to prevent them from being occes."

THE New York Herald says: "The best way to wash lamb chunneys is with a dry cloth." That is the way Henry Clay Dean washes himself.

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SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY ON THE

State of the Finances for the Year 1876.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., December 4, 1878.

June 30, 1876, were as follows:

From customs
From internal revenue.
From sales of public lands.
From tax on circulation and deposits of National banks.
From trepayment of interest by Racific Railway Companies.
From Cuscome inors, penalties &c.
From sales of Indian trust lands.
From land, drayage, storage, &c.
From sales of Indian trust lands.
From less—consular, letters-patent, and land.
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From marine-heapital tax.
From steambont hess.
From profits on consules, &c. From steaminost ness. From profits on conume, &c. From fax on seaf-skins. From miscellaneous sources.

Total net receipts, exclusive of 6287,482,039 16 eds of bonds of 1881, Geneva

Total available cush..... 8438,798,281 00 EXPENDITURES.

The net expenditures by warrants during the same period were:
For civil expenses.
For foreign intercourse.
For Indians.
For persons.
For pensions.
For military establishment, including fortifications, river and harbor improvements and arsensis.
For naval establishment, including wessels and machinery, and improvements at navy-yards.
For miscellaneous civil, including public buildings, light-houses and collecting the revenue.
For interest on the public debt, including railway companies. same period were: 1,410,259 50 5,996,558 17 28,267,395 69 38,070,888 64

48,315,872 45

The difference between these two statements arises from the difference of dates at which they are made up, as will be seen by a comparison of them as regards the cash in the Treasury at the commencement and close of the fiscal year, and of the item of "interest due and unpaid, and accrued interest to date," which, is the monthly debt statement, is treated as a liability of the Government, precisely as is the principal of the debt, but which is not se considered in the statement of receipts and expenditures. \* \* \*

On the 31st of August 1855, the public debt as represented upon the books of the Department, and shown by the public debt statement, reached

paired by the operations of a sinking fund ount that the public debt should be reduced he sum of \$153,545,215 37 between July 1, 15th, a he ciose of the last fiscal year. A reduction sen effected during that period of \$550,002,200 of \$223,144,011 of more than was absolutely

it can therefore be said, as a matter of fact, that all the piedges and obligations of the Government to make provisions for the sinking fund and the cancellation of the public debt have been fully met and carried out. REPUNDING THE WATTOWAY, THESE

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Issues to the extent of \$55,674,650 of four-and-one-half per cent. bonds have been made, and re-funding operations are still in progress. RESUMPTION OF SPUCIE PAYMENTS.

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"I might show you, from the contemporaneous detailes in Congress, that at every step of the war the notes were regarded as a temporary loss, in the nature of a forced loss, but a loss cheering bone, and to be redeemed soon after the war was over. "No one then questioned either the policy, the duty or the obligation of the United States to redoom these notes in coin." These notes did not and do not purport to be

statement, is resided as a liability of the Government, precisely as is the principal of the debt, but which is not so considered in the statement of receipts and expenditures.

THE SINKING PUND.

By the terms of the act of February 25, 1992, it was provided that, fare the last day of July, 1892, it was provided that, fare the last day of July, 1892, it was provided that, fare the last day of July, 1892, it was provided that, fare the last day of July, 1892, it was should be purchased or naid within like if seed year, to be set apartas a sinking fund, should in like manner be applied to the purchase or payment of the debt. The sixth section of the act of July 14, 1570, also required that, in addition to other mounts to be applied to the redemption or payment of the public debt, an amount equal to the interest on all bonds belonging to the aforesaid sinking fund, should be applied to the payment of the Government, and, therefore, there was no surplus mounts which could be applied to the extending and consequently the law providing for that fund was during that period necessarily rendered into the war were greatly in excess of the revenues of the Government, and, therefore, there was no surplus mounts which could be applied to the extragalation and consequently the law providing for that fund was during that period necessarily rendered into the war were greatly in excess of the revenues of the Government, and, therefore, there was no surplus mount of the debt or the creation of a sinking fund. If the resources of the Treasury during seed find the supplied to the extragalation of the debt of the conditions of the law practicable. The account of the sinking fund. If the resources of the Treasury during seed find the supplied to the extragalation of the debt of the conditions of the law practicable. The account of the sinking fund. If the resources of the last flacal year have appeared upon the books of the department as follows:

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A MOVEMENT is on foot by our re- nitric acid are done away with, and

We ask the Ladies especially, to In this county, Nov. 16, 1876, by S. A. Wil-